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Office Action Summary	Application No. 08/580,493	Applicant(s) BERNA
	Examiner David Bryant	Group Art Unit 3726

Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/15/00 and 7/5/00

This action is **FINAL**.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 2 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

Claim(s) 1-18 is/are objected to.

Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

received.

received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Prosecution Application

1. The request filed on 5/15/00 for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 08/580,493 is acceptable and a CPA has been established. An action on the CPA follows.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 12-15 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

*Further, to facilitate a better understanding of the features recited in claims 12-15,
applicant is requested to point out to the examiner the corresponding disclosure of this subject
matter in the specification.*

3. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "3" has been used to designate both the type of buffer shown in figure 1 and the type of buffer shown in figure 3, which are different types. Correction is required.

4. The proposed drawing corrections filed 5/15/00 have been disapproved because they introduce new figures 31 and 32 without a corresponding change to the specification. Also, since

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applicant has listed 9 figures in the brief description of the drawings, applicant should re-number proposed figures 31 and 32 as --10-- and --11-- in order to be consistent.

5. Allowable subject matter having been set forth in this office action, applicant is required to submit a complete set of proposed corrected drawing for the examiner's review.

Specification

X
6. The substitute specification filed 9/5/95 is objected to because it is replete with grammatical and idiomatic problems too numerous to mention individually. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Objections

7. Claims 1-18 are objected to because of the following informalities:

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In claims 1, 2 and 16, it is not clear what is meant by a support part "which is cylindrical all along". It is suggested that applicant re-word this limitation to read --providing a cylindrical support part-- as was previously indicated as being allowable over the art of record. Appropriate correction is required.

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Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1-18 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections set forth in this Office action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner David Bryant whose telephone number is (703) 308-1859. Excluding holidays and the first Friday of every biweek, the examiner can be reached daily from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Documents related to this application may be submitted by facsimile at any time. The Group 3720 fax number is (703) 305-3579. All faxed documents must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (October 19, 1988). Applicant is reminded to clearly mark any document as "DRAFT" if it is not to be considered a formal response.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1148.

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September 8, 2000